

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Huang.

Applicants have amended claim 10 to resolve the antecedent basis issues. Accordingly Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph should be withdrawn.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Huang discloses a system for converting a completed form into digital data by scanning the document. The scanned document is then processed and data in known fields on the document are extracted. In one embodiment, Huang discloses receiving the document in digital form from a facsimile machine.

Huang performs very different processing from the present invention. Huang begins with a completed document and ends up with extracted field data. The present invention begins with data and creates a completed document using the data.

Accordingly, Huang clearly does not disclose or suggest instructions configured to "populate the group of fields in response to the reception of field identifiers and associated informational data to generate a generated form" and to transmit the form via facsimile as required by independent claim 1. Nor does Huang disclose or suggest instructions to "populate the group of fields ... with received common information ... to thereby generate a plurality of forms" and to transmit the forms via facsimile as required by independent claim 2. Further Huang does not disclose or suggest "means for populating the group of fields...to generate a document" and "means for

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transmitting a facsimile of the generated document" as required by independent claim 3. Finally, Huang does not disclose or suggest the steps of "populating, respectively, the group of fields...to generate a generated form" and "transmitting a facsimile of said generated form," as recited in claim 15.

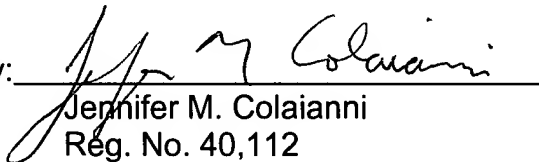
Accordingly, independent claims 1-3 and 15 are not disclosed or suggested by Huang and the rejection of these claims along with the rejection of dependent claims 4-14 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 which are not enclosed, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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